

# Lorne Drainage Improvements – Special Charge Scheme



## Lorne Drainage Improvements Reference Panel

Meeting Thursday 23 February 2006 at 4.00pm

### Lorne Real Estate Office

Membership
John Tracey
Dale Whitford
Lou Dowling
Helen Barton
Lyn Davies
Cr. Jim Tutt
Richard Bain

### Minutes

1. Welcome Cr. Jim Tutt
2. Apologies - Lyn Davies
3. Matters arising from Minutes
  - a) Press coverage following a media release was reprinted in full in both the Lorne Independent and the Surf Coast Times and also articles in the Echo and the Geelong Independent.
  - b) Cost distribution options and a summary of properties assessed by both area and area adjusted by the percentage of building coverage permitted were reviewed and agreed that this was the most equitable approach to distribution of a Special Charge Scheme associated with the stormwater drainage.
  - c) SMEC has been engaged to undertake the first \$55,000 detailed investigation stage for the L3 Catchment.
4. A draft letter proposed for the property owners of L3 was tabled and a number of amendments were agreed to including:
  - Expansion in relation to the preferred cost distribution
  - Reference to the next stage of the process and the specific details to be forwarded to individual property owners should the Shire proceed with the proposed Scheme
  - Agreement that the panel member names and email addresses be included on the website

A copy of the letter is enclosed.

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5. Pros and Cons in relation to a development of a scheme, for the L3 Catchment or alternatively for Lorne as a whole, were reviewed. The panel believe that the preferable approach is to proceed with a whole of Lorne scheme but it is acknowledged that this may impose an unreasonable financial risk for the Shire having to proceed with the estimated \$500,000 detailed design - without a guarantee of the scheme proceeding.
6. Next meeting: A tentative date of Friday 12 May 2006 at 11.00am was proposed. On the understanding that the detailed design, cost estimate and comments from the property owners would be available for consideration